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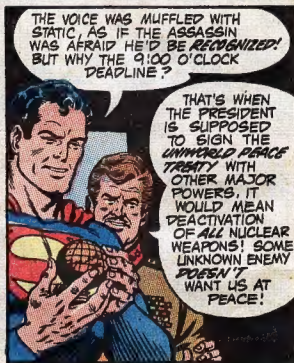
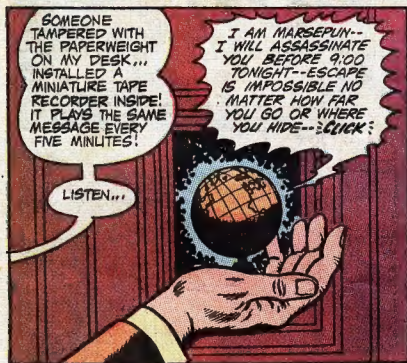
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FLY YOU THERE IN 20 MINUTES!
EVERYTHING WILL BE READY FOR YOU!

THIS STORY IS SET SOME YEARS IN THE FUTURE!
WHAT YOU SEE ON THESE PAGES MAY NEVER HAPPEN,
BUT, THEN, IT *MIGHT*! AND IF THAT DARK DAY EVER
COMES, ONE BURNING QUESTION WILL GEAR THROUGH
THE PRESIDENT'S MIND...

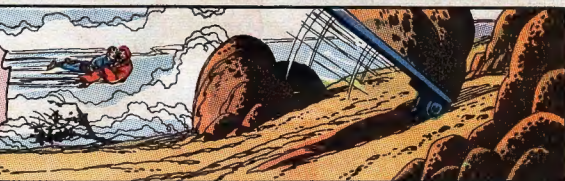
SUPERMAN

BODYGUARD OR ASSASSIN?

ART:
SWAN & ANDERSON

STORY:
CARY BATES

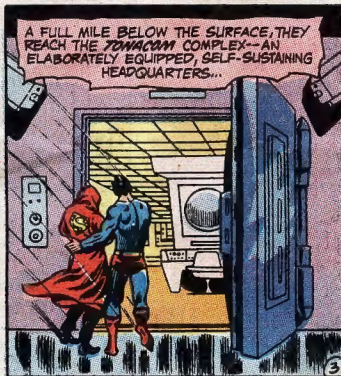
SOON, THE
ACTION ACE
IS STREAKING
TOWARD A
CAMOUFLAGED
TUNNEL IN THE
SOUTHWESTERN
DESERT...

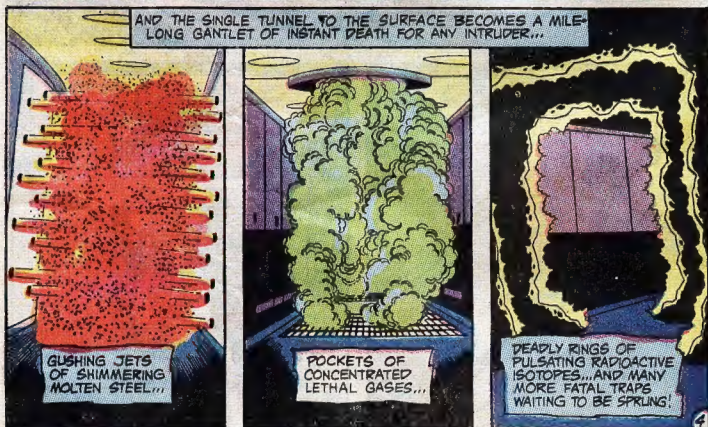
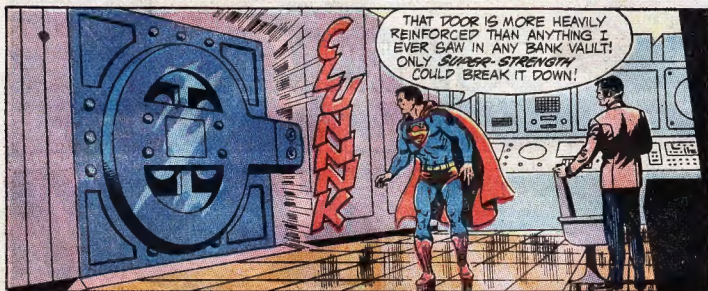
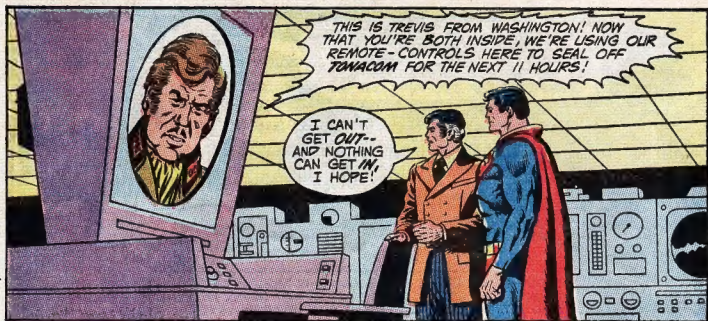


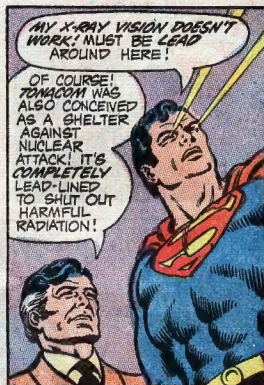
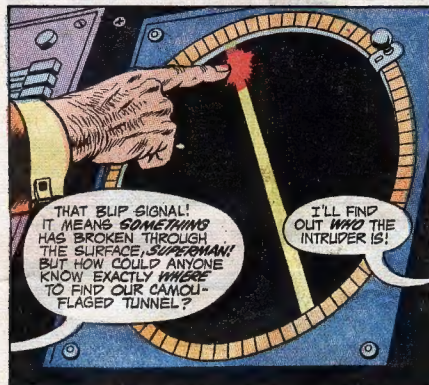
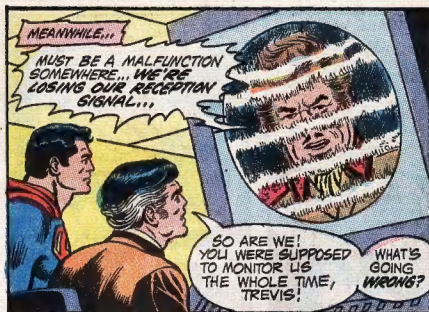
THEN THE TUNNEL
CLOSES, SWALLOWING
SUPERMAN
AND
HIS PASSENGER...

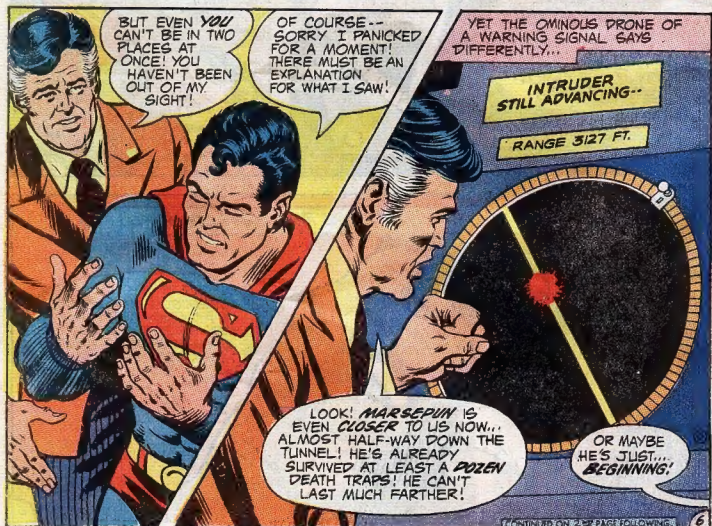


A FULL MILE BELOW THE SURFACE, THEY
REACH THE **TONACOM** COMPLEX--AN
ELABORATELY EQUIPPED, SELF-SUSTAINING
HEADQUARTERS...









LATEST SSP



NEWS FLASH!

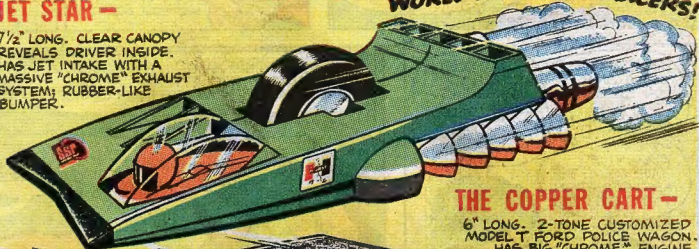
Kenner's NEWEST RACERS



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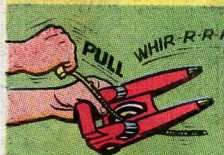
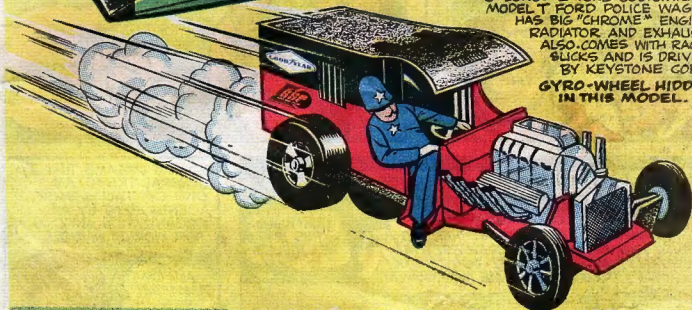
JET STAR -

7 1/2" LONG. CLEAR CANOPY
REVEALS DRIVER INSIDE.
HAS JET INTAKE WITH A
MASSIVE "CHROME" EXHAUST
SYSTEM; RUBBER-LIKE
BUMPER.



THE COPPER CART -

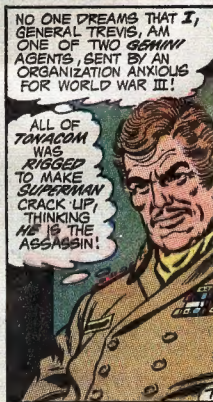
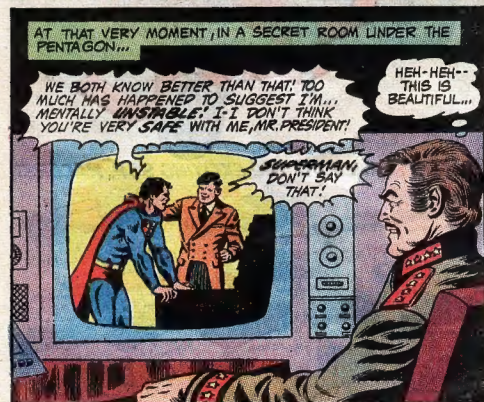
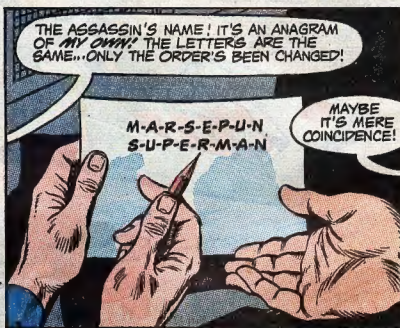
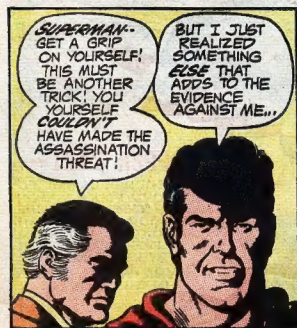
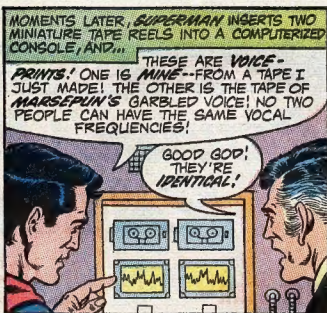
6" LONG. 2-TONE CUSTOMIZED
MODEL FORD POLICE WAGON.
HAS BIG "CHROME" ENGINE,
RADIATOR AND EXHAUST.
ALSO COMES WITH RACING
SLICKS AND IS DRIVEN
BY KEYSTONE COP.
GYRO-WHEEL HIDDEN
IN THIS MODEL.



READY TO RACE ...
NO BATTERIES! NO TRACK!
GYRO-POWERED!

COLLECT & RACE ALL THE EXCITING SSP™ RACERS!





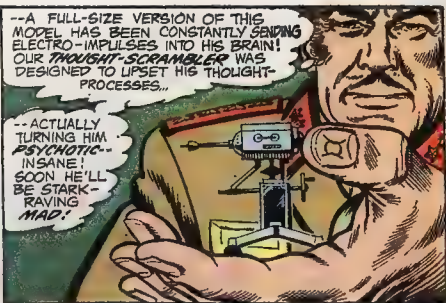
MARSEPLIN *DON'T* EXIST!
WE SPLICED TOGETHER OLD
TAPES OF *SUPERMAN'S* VOICE...
DUPLICATED IMPRESSIONS
OF HIS FINGERPRINTS...
TAMPERED WITH *TOMACOM'S*
TRACKING DEVICES TO MAKE
IT *LOOK LIKE* SOMEONE IS
COMING...

AND EVER
SINCE
SUPERMAN
ARRIVED--



--A FULL-SIZE VERSION OF THIS
MODEL HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY SENDING
ELECTRO-IMPULSES INTO HIS BRAIN!
OUR *THOUGHT-SCRAMBLER* WAS
DESIGNED TO UPSET HIS THOUGHT-
PROCESSES...

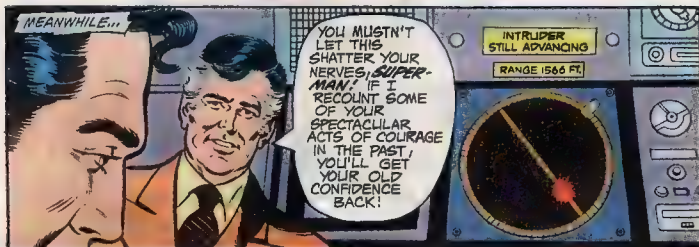
--ACTUALLY
TURNING HIM
PSYCHOTIC--
INSANE!
SOON HE'LL
BE STARK-
RAVING
MAD!



MEANWHILE...

YOU MUSTN'T
LET THIS
SHATTER YOUR
NERVES, *SUPER-*
MAN! IF I
RECOUNT SOME
OF YOUR
SPECTACULAR
ACTS OF COURAGE
IN THE PAST,
YOU'LL GET
YOUR OLD
CONFIDENCE
BACK!

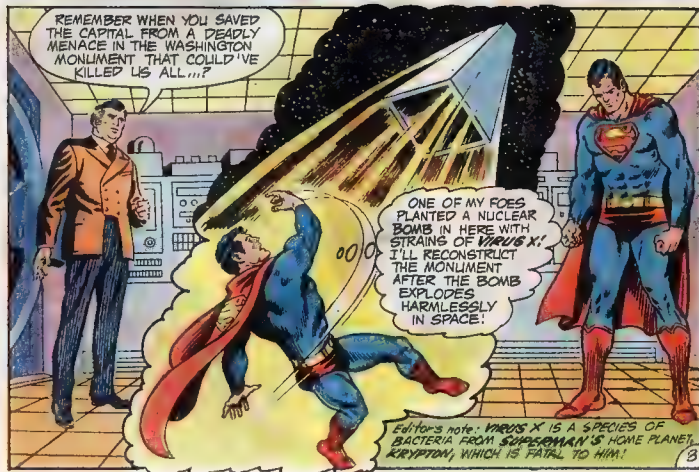
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RANGE 1566 FT.

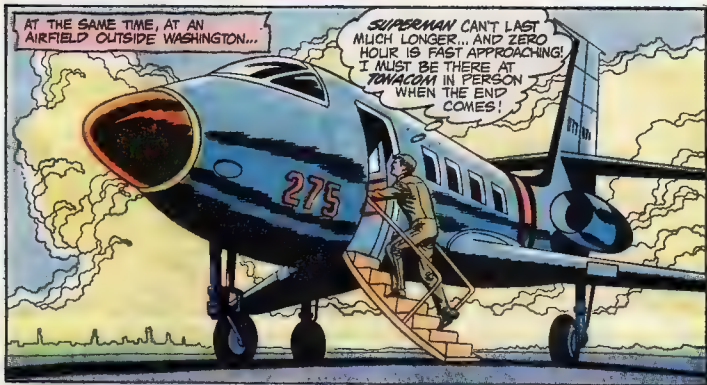


REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAVED
THE CAPITAL FROM A DEADLY
MENACE IN THE WASHINGTON
MONUMENT THAT COULD'VE
KILLED US ALL...?

ONE OF MY FOES
PLANTED A NUCLEAR
BOMB IN HERE WITH
STRAINS OF *VIRUS X*!
I'LL RECONSTRUCT
THE MONUMENT
AFTER THE BOMB
EXPLODES
HARMLESSLY
IN SPACE!

Editor's note: *VIRUS X* IS A SPECIES OF
BACTERIA FROM *SUPERMAN'S* HOME PLANET,
KRYPTON, WHICH IS FATAL TO HIM!

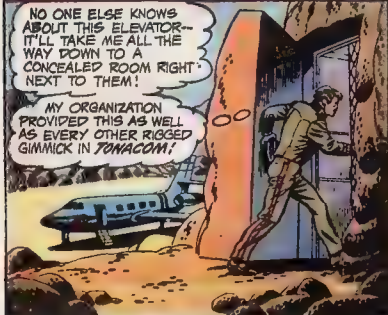




MEANWHILE, A MILE ABOVE ON THE SURFACE...

NO ONE ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS ELEVATOR--IT'LL TAKE ME ALL THE WAY DOWN TO A CONCEALED ROOM RIGHT NEXT TO THEM!

MY ORGANIZATION PROVIDED THIS AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER RIGGED GIMMICK IN *TONACOM*!

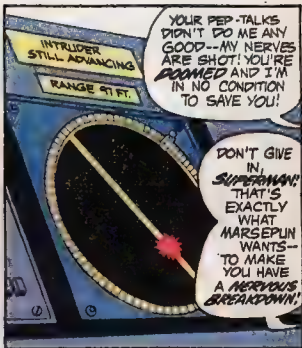


INTRUDER STILL ADVANCING

RANGE 91 FT.

YOUR PED-TALKS DIDN'T DO ME ANY GOOD--MY NERVES ARE SHOT! YOU'RE **DOOMED** AND I'M IN NO CONDITION TO SAVE YOU!

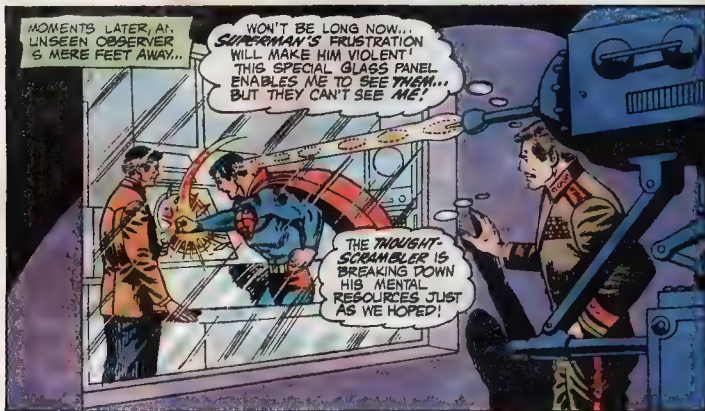
DON'T GIVE IN, **SUPERMAN!** THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT MARSEPUN WANTS--TO MAKE YOU HAVE A **NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!**



MOMENTS LATER, AN UNSEEN OBSERVER'S MERE FEET AWAY...

WON'T BE LONG NOW... **SUPERMAN'S** FRUSTRATION WILL MAKE HIM VIOLENT! THIS SPECIAL GLASS PANEL ENABLES ME TO SEE **THEM**... BUT THEY CAN'T SEE **ME!**

THE **THOUGHT-SCRAMBLER** IS BREAKING DOWN HIS MENTAL RESOURCES JUST AS WE HOPED!



HE'LL BE COMING THROUGH THAT DOOR ANY SECOND NOW... AND THEN MARSEPUN WILL **ANNIHILATE** US!

WE'RE NOT DEAD YET! NOTHING COULD BREAK DOWN THAT HUGE DOOR EXCEPT YOUR **OWN** SUPER-STRENGTH! YOU SAID SO YOURSELF!



HIS FACE CONTORTED BY THE FEAR OF UNCERTAINTY,
SUPERMAN WAITS... WAITS... WAITS...

RANGE 36 FT.

RANGE 21 FT.

RANGE 8 FT.

AND THEN A DEAFENING POUNDING...
FOLLOWED BY TONS OF REINFORCED
STEEL BUCKLING LIKE CARDBOARD...

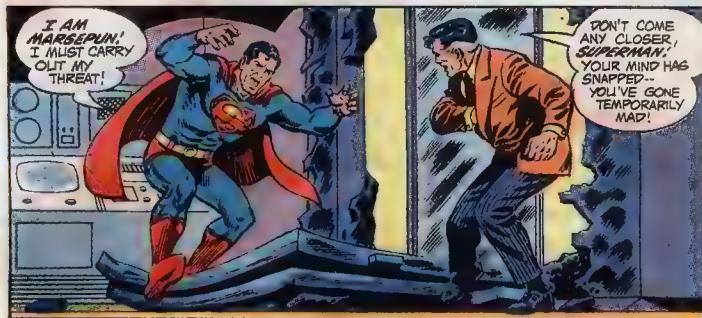
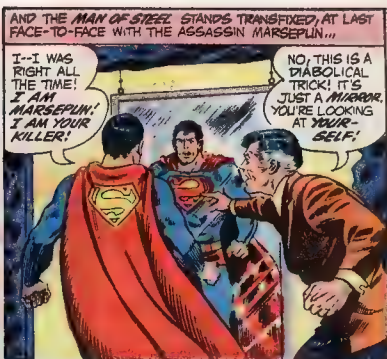
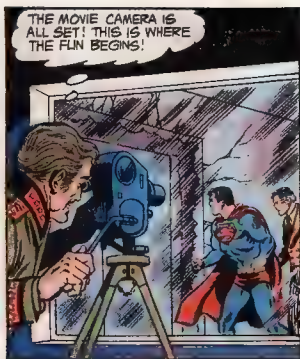
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HOW COULD *ANYONE*
BE STRONG ENOUGH
TO DO THAT?!

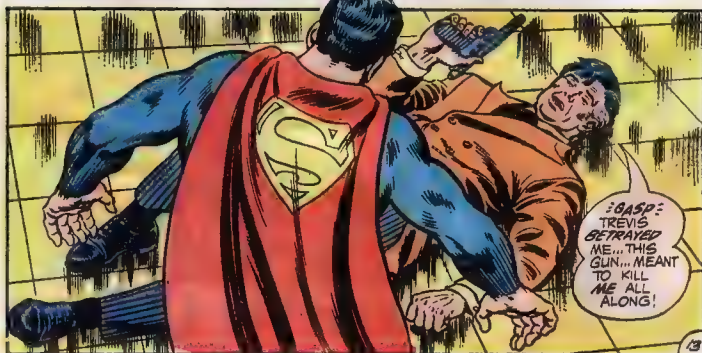
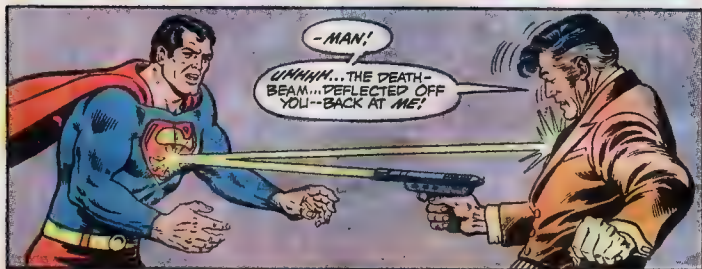
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IS HERE!

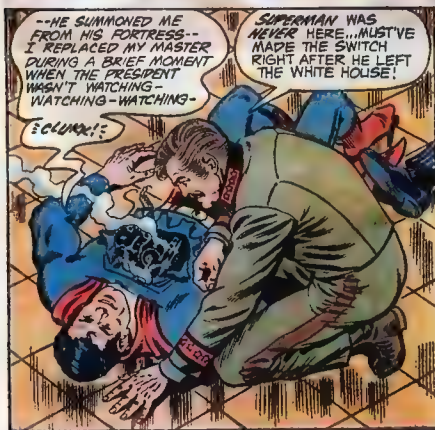
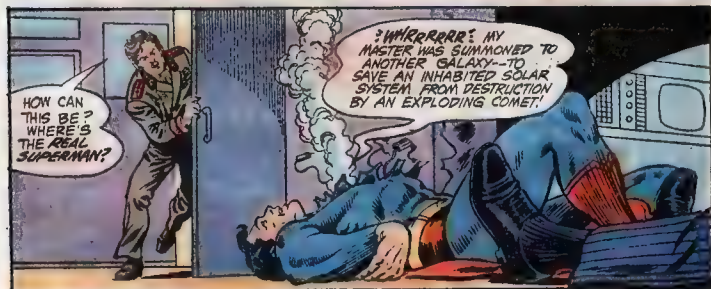
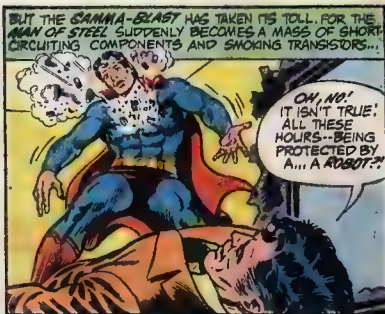
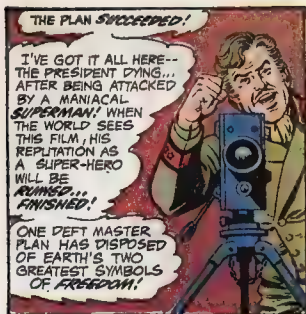
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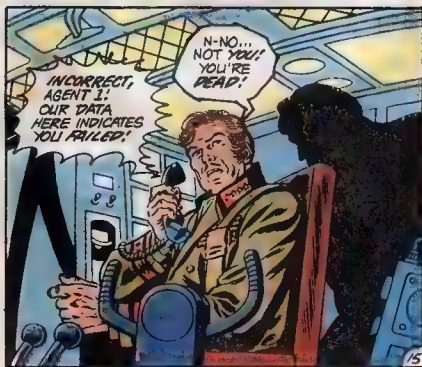
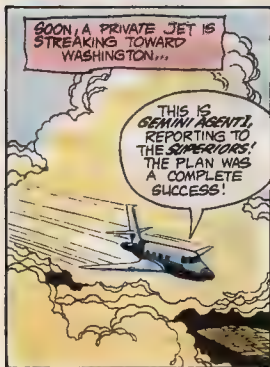
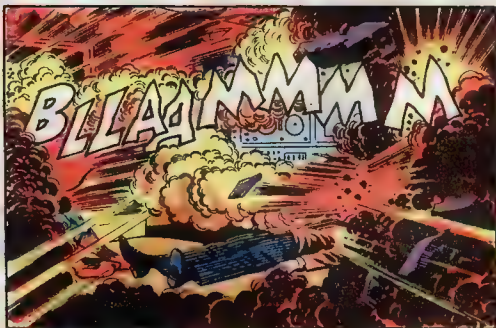
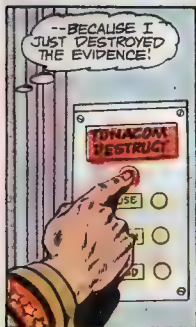
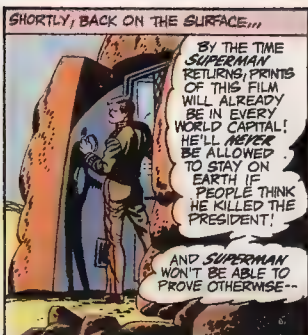
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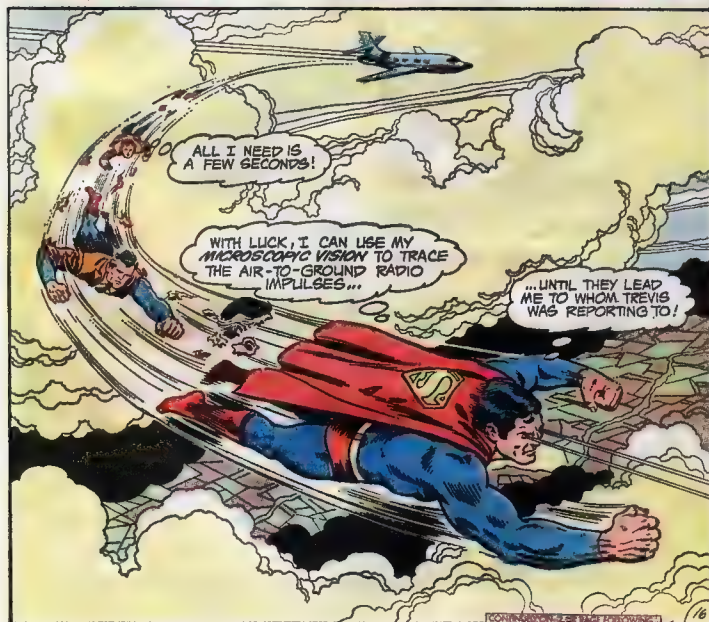
OH, NO!
I--I'M
DOOMED!











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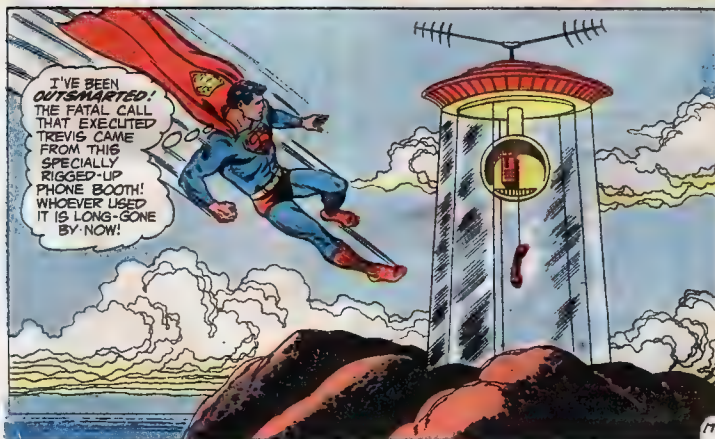
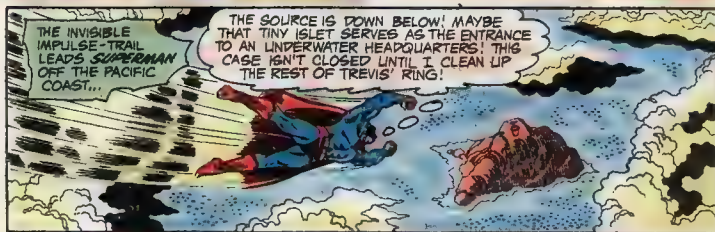
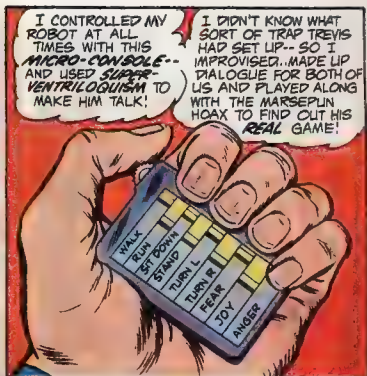
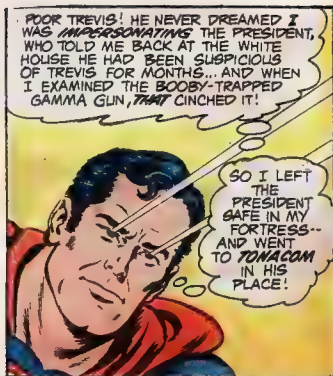
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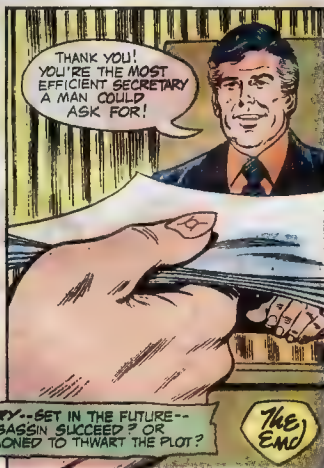
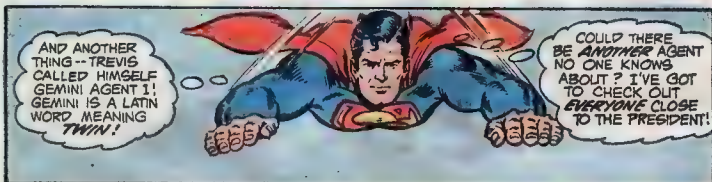
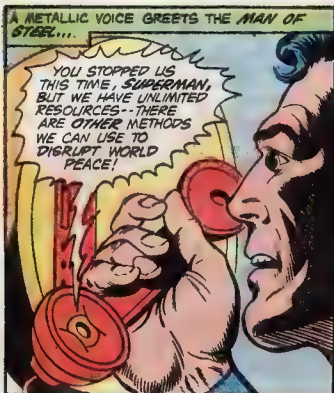
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VIGILANTE

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THE
RETURN
OF A
MAN
AND HIS
MOTORCYCLE

THE FAMED RIDER OF THE PURPLE SAGE STOOD HELPLESSLY BY AS THE THIEF WENT ON A LOOTING SPREE. FOR, TO EXPOSE THE WESTERN FRAUD MEANT A SURE END TO VIGILANTE-- AND TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH MEANT A REIGN OF TERROR BY...

THE RED DUST BANDIT!

ART: HOWARD SHERMAN
STORY: DON CAMERON

GREAT THUNDER, VIGILANTE-- WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY STRIKING OUR FAVORITE GUEST... GREG SAUNDERS?

I CAN'T TELL THEM THE TRUTH! IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE VIGILANTE FOREVER!



DEEP IN RED DUST COUNTY, VIGILANTE AND HIS YOUNG PAL, STUFF, WHIRL INTO ACTION AGAINST A MIDNIGHT MARAUDER...

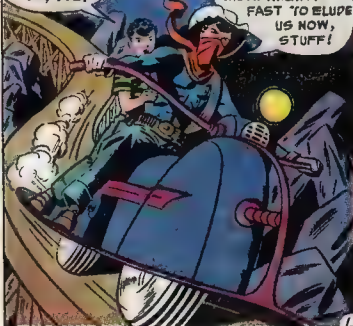
YOU'RE RIGHT, VIG! AN OWLHOOT IS ROBBING THE MINING COMPANY SAFE! BUT THE VIG-CYCLE CAN'T GET PAST THOSE BOULDERS! WE'LL HAVE TO GO ON FOOT!

HANG ON, STUFF! THAT ORE CONVEYOR BELT MIGHT HELP US!



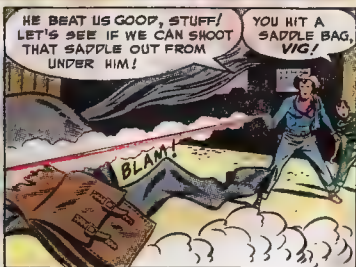
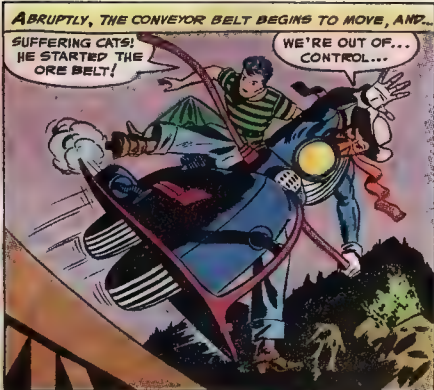
HE'S SEEN US, VIG!

HE'LL HAVE TO MOVE MIGHTY FAST TO ELUDE US NOW, STUFF!





VIGILANTE





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LATER, IN TOWN...

HA, HA! I SURE TRIPPED VIGILANTE UP LIKE A PRAIRIE JACKRABBIT! WITH DIFFERENT CLOTHES AND MINUS MY MASK, NO REASON I CAN'T HAVE ME A FLING OR TWO IN TOWN!

SOON AFTER, AS THE BRAZEN GUNMAN WALKS THROUGH TOWN...

WELL, FOR GOODNESS SAKES-- GREG SANDERS!

DIDN'T EXPECT YOU IN TOWN FOR THE SHOW 'TIL TOMORRA MORNING, GREG!

WHA...?

GREG SANDERS
PRAIRIE TROUBADOUR
IN PERSON

WE'RE GETTIN' READY FOR A REAL WING-DING WHEN WE HEAR YOU SING AND PLAY!

YUP! THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME IN TOWN TOMORRA NIGHT!

I LEAPING GILA MONSTERS! THEY FIGURE ME TO BE THAT SINGING PANDY, GREG SANDERS! I MUST LOOK JUST LIKE HIM!

A MOMENT LATER...

OH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR THE PRAIRIE TROUBADOUR!

THAT CRITTER IS KNOWN AND LIKED BY EVERYBODY! I CAN PLAY A GUITAR-- AN' LOOKING JUST LIKE SANDERS, I COULD FOOL FOLKS... HMM!

NEXT MORNING, AS VIGILANTE ARRIVES IN HIS EVERY-DAY ROLE OF GREG SANDERS...

THERE'S GREG SANDERS!

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COME ONE COME ALL

LOOK, VIG!

THESE FOLKS WOULD SURE BE SURPRISED IF THEY KNEW YOU WERE BOTH THE PRAIRIE TROUBADOUR AND VIGILANTE!

RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT, STUFF! LET'S GET ON TO THE HOTEL!

NEXT NIGHT, AS GREG WARMS UP FOR HIS PERFORMANCE...

I FEEL IN GOOP SINGING SPIRITS TONIGHT! YES SIREE!

YOU SURE ARE, VIG!

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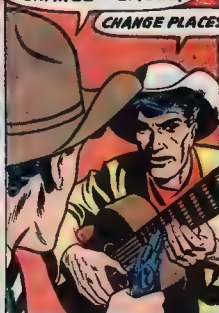
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SUDDENLY...



DON'T MOVE, SANDERS, OR I'LL BLAST THAT GUITAR THROUGH YOUR CHEST! NOW YOU AND I ARE GOING TO CHANGE PLACES!



SHORTLY, THE AUDIENCE IS UNAWARE THAT AN IMPOSTOR IS POSING AS THEIR FAVORITE SINGER...

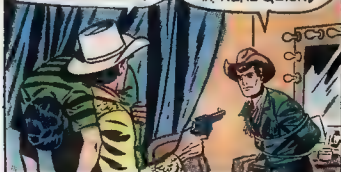
ER, SORRY, FOLKS! CAUGHT A COLD COMING OVER THE MOUNTAINS! I'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY THE GUITAR TONIGHT! THAT'S OKAY, GREG! LET HER RIP!



AND AFTERWARD...

GET MOVING OUT THE BACK WAY! I'M TAKIN' YOU TWO WHERE YOU WON'T DISTURB MY NEW CAREER AS GREG SANDERS!

IT'S SURE DISTURBING TO SEE A TWO-BIT BANDIT LIKE YOU CAN HAVE MY FACE, MISTER! BUT I RECKON SOMEBODY WILL BE CHANGING IT REAL QUICK!



DEEP IN THE HILLS, THE OUTLAW IMPOSTOR BRINGS THE TRAPPED PAIR...

GET ALONG, BOYS! I'M GONNA HOLE YOU UP IN A NEW HIDEOUT NOBODY COULD BREAK OUT OF!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT THE WINNING HAND -- SO FAR!



YOU'RE LUCKY I AIN'T KILLING YOU! I'M SAVING YOUR HIDES IN CASE I NEED YOU LATER FOR SOMETHING!



ONCE ALONE, A STEEL DOOR CLOSES ON THE PAIR! TONS OF ROCK HEIM THEM IN WITHIN THE HILLSIDE...

WE'RE SURE SNARLED IN A BUNCH OF SAGEBRUSH THIS TIME, STUFF...

...WHILE THAT OWL-HOOT WILL HAVE HIS RUN OF THE TOWN POSING AS GREG SANDERS!

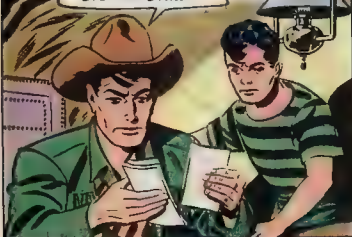




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HE'S A SLY CRITTER, STUFF! I'D SURE LIKE TO KNOW WHO HE IS AND WHERE HE COMES FROM! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK-SEE AT THOSE PAPERS WE FOUND IN HIS SADDLE BAG!



STUFF! THIS PAPER WITH THE COMBINATION NUMBERS! THEY MUST BE FOR **THIS** LOCK IN CASE ANYONE LOCKED HIMSELF IN ACCIDENTALLY!



ANXIOUSLY, THE DARING RIDER OF THE PURPLE SAGE TRIES THE COMBINATION, AND...

THUNDERATION! I WAS RIGHT!

YAHOO! LET'S GO CORRAL THAT DESERT RAT PRONTO!



MEANWHILE, THE PHONEY VOCALIST IS BEING GRACIOUSLY ENTERTAINED AT THE HOME OF THE TOWN'S LEADING BANKER...

IT'S SURE A MIGHTY BIG HONOR HAVING YOU PLAY AT OUR BENEFIT, GREG!

THANK YOU, SIR!

THERE'S HIS SAFE! WITH THE TOOLS I HAD IN THIS OUTFIT, IT'LL BE A CINCH TO OPEN IT!



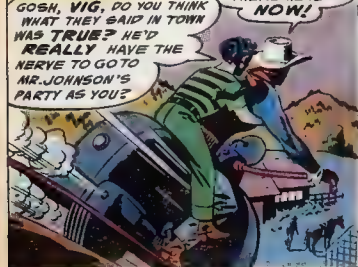
AN HOUR LATER...

GOSH, VIG, DO YOU THINK WHAT THEY SAID IN TOWN WAS TRUE? HE'D REALLY HAVE THE NERVE TO GO TO MR. JOHNSON'S PARTY AS YOU?

POSITIVE, STUFF! THERE HE IS NOW!

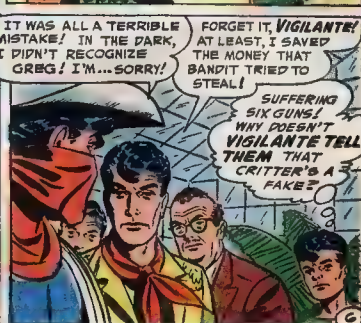
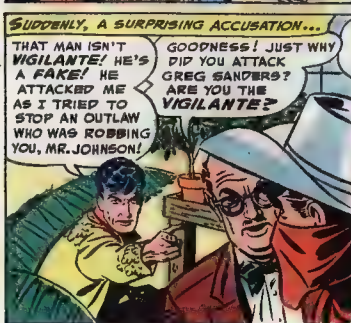
TAKE OVER, STUFF! GAME'S UP, BUSTER!

WHA...?





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AFTERWARD, STUFF LEARNS THE STARTLING REASON...

HOWLING HANNAH, VIG! THEN WE CAN'T STOP THAT OWLHOOT BECAUSE HE KNEW ONLY VIGILANTE HAD THE COMBINATION TO OPEN HIS HIDEOUT DOOR!

YES, STUFF! WE REALIZE GREG SANDERS WAS VIGILANTE! AND WE CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW THAT! WE'VE A PROBLEM, STUFF--A BAD ONE!



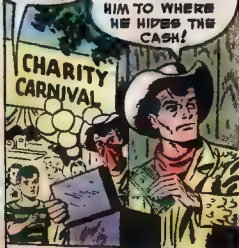
STUFF, THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER-- WE MUST LET THAT IMPOSTOR ROB AGAIN! THEN WE CAN TRAIL HIM-- NOW, LISTEN CLOSELY...



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE HARD-RIDING TEAM OBSERVES THEIR QUARRY NEAR A CHARITY CARNIVAL...

HE'S TAKING THE PROCEEDS FROM THE MONEY BOX, VIG!

BY POSING AS GREG SANDERS HE WAS PUT ON THE COMMITTEE! NOW WE TRAIL HIM TO WHERE HE HIDES THE CASH!

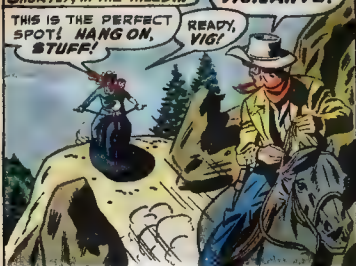


SHORTLY, IN THE HILLS...

VIGILANTE!

THIS IS THE PERFECT SPOT! HANG ON, STUFF!

READY, VIG!



THE FAMED VIG-CYCLE ZOOMS TOWARDS ITS TARGET! SUDDENLY, IT SWERVES...



BUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOPE, VIGILANTE PUSHES HIS CYCLE TO TOP SPEED AND...

GOT TO BEAT HIM TO HIS HIDEOUT, STUFF! WOW! SURE BANGED MY ARM UP BAD-- CAN HARDLY MOVE IT!



AND WHEN THE IMPOSTOR REACHES HIS HIDE-AWAY...

WELL, SANDERS, I'M SURE MAKING A KILL ON YOUR NAME! TONIGHT I'M GUEST OF HONOR AT THE ANNUAL CHARITY CARNIVAL! AND I'M GETTING ALL THE CHARITY!

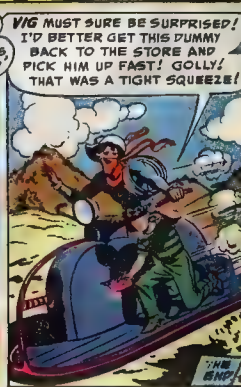
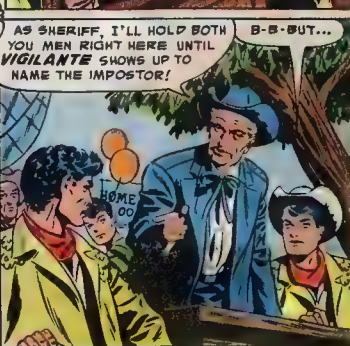
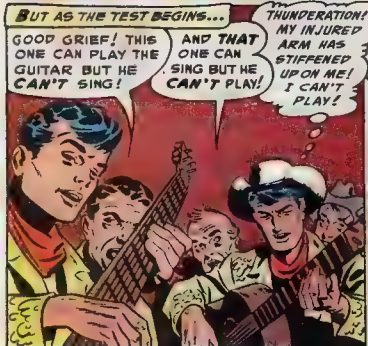
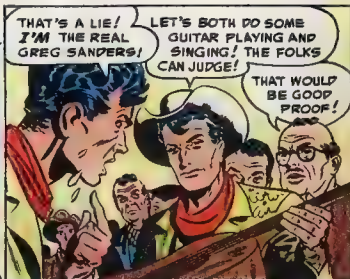
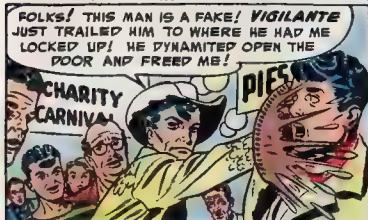




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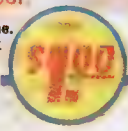
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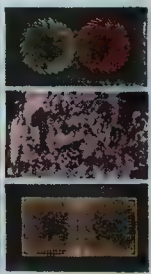
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Dear Editor:

Of late, DC has been trying to make its stories more relevant to the world of today. This is a fine ideal, but it is often mishandled. A case in point is the *GREEN LANTERN* magazine, where such an attempt has overshadowed everything else. But now Leo Dorfman has shown us, with "Invaders, Go Home," in *ACTION* #401, that a story *CAN* be serious, relevant and exciting.

It wasn't perfect, of course. Some of the dialogue was stilted. ("She's very attractive," thinks Superman when he meets Moon Flower. We never would have guessed!) And the sequence in which Old Snake "created" the disasters was longer than it should have been. But in total, my reactions were favorable. The villain, for once, had understandable motives, and we could sympathize, if not agree, with him. This applies, whether we consider the villain to be Frank Haldane or Red Hawk! I enjoyed this story very much, including the traditional cliffhanger (which, for once, had me completely baffled.)

Possibly giving Dorfman a rest enabled him to devote more time to this story. If so, I hope it becomes a permanent thing—for Cary Bates' yarn, "The Boy Who Begged to Die," was better than any of "Geoff Brown's" have been. Seldom have I seen the comic medium used more dramatically than in the first five panels of page 2. Once again, I failed to see the solution. I hope that you will soon give us a biography of Bates in the letter column.

Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

We'll ask Cary for a brief bit of autobiography when we see him, as we expect to do very soon. Meanwhile, if you can latch onto a copy of *SUPERBOY*, July #176, you'll find Cary's chronicle, which he wrote, himself!—Ed.



Dear Editor:

I address myself to those who complain about Imaginary Stories—and just what is an Imaginary Story? That which is opposed to a real story? Then the regular features of National Periodicals constitute reality? Funny, I haven't noticed any costumed strangers in the sky lately.

All comic stories are imaginary. I call the basic story a dimension-one. The so-called imaginary tale then is a dimension-two. To me, imaginary stories are another di-

mension in which the writer's and reader's mind can play around.

In the science-fiction medium, it's possible to have any situation one desires simply by using gimmickry. But after countless time machines, parallel worlds, alien telepaths, dreams, etc., it can get stale. It's a lot easier to assign something as an imaginary tale and then give the emphasis to the ensuing plot.

The occasional use of such stories does not detract from the DC image, and I can't see why there are any complaints about them. I was under the impression that comic mags were free from arbitrary rules and regulations governing style.

Robin Jacobs, Portland, Ore.

Well, there is one rule we insist on—the stories have to be illustrated! But we're glad you like our occasional Imaginary Tales, and hope that goes for the one in this issue as well. Read it—and you'll see what plot angles in it we couldn't possibly use in our "real" stories. (At least, if you're been keeping up with the Superman family, you'll see!)—Ed.



Dear Editor:

First let me say thank you for printing my letter in *ACTION*. I've always hoped to see a letter of mine printed in a Superman magazine.

I feel like a heel for what I've said about Leo Dorfman. But I'll swallow my pride and say Leo did a great job for *ACTION* #401. It's about time Superman really got involved with the Indians. I feel they got the worst of the deal when the Europeans came over. It's about time good old Sovie got into the picture.

The climax of this first part was really powerful. I mean the fantastic idea of Superman being held hostage by the Indians. The story will be excellent unless Leo does a sneaky thing. I know this is probably too late, for the next issue must already be drawn. But please, dear Editor, don't let that little red thing resting on Superman's symbol be (shudder!) Red Kryptonite!!!

Joe Peluso, Brooklyn, N.Y.

What? Resort to an old chestnut like that? Not us—unless we're affected by something even stronger than Red K!—Ed.



Dear Editor:

In the future, please try to be more realistic in your magazine. "Invader, Go Home" was a fine story. But you rarely use the name of a real city, organization, etc.

There is no such place as Metropolis. There is also no such Indian paper as the Daily Planet. There is also no such Indian tribe as the Navaho.

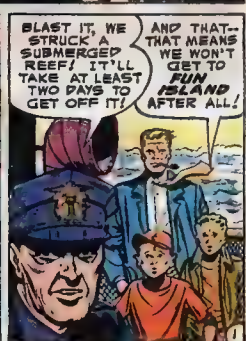
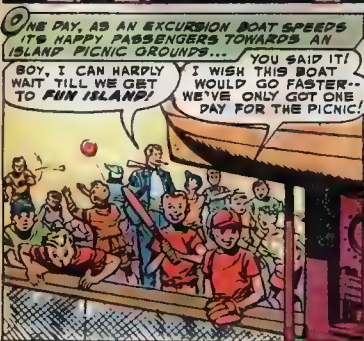
The authentic tribe, the Navaho Indians, is NOT descended from the Aztecs! The two are as distantly related as you and I!

David Kaufman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

So now you know why we made up a tribe—so we'd have a Southwestern group of Indians who were related to the Aztecs. If we'd called them Navahos, you'd really have something to complain about!—Ed.



AQUAMAN





AQUAMAN



JUST THEN, AQUAMAN, RETURNING FROM A ROUTINE PATROL, SIGHTS THE STRICKEN SHIP AND...

...SO AS I EXPLAINED TO YOU AQUAMAN-- IT'LL TAKE TOO LONG TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND RESUME OUR TRIP!

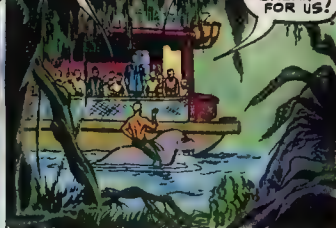
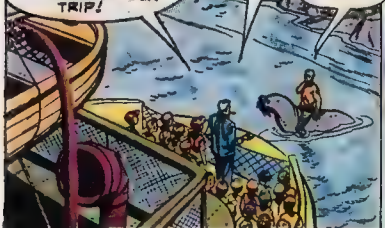
BECAUSE WE ONLY HIRED THE PLACE FOR TODAY--

HMM...

HOW ABOUT HAVING YOUR PICNIC ON THIS OTHER ISLAND INSTEAD?

THAT'S NO GOOD--IT'S ALL COVERED WITH TREES, AND THERE'S NO BASEBALL FIELD OR ANYTHING!

IT SURE IS A TOUGH BREAK FOR US!



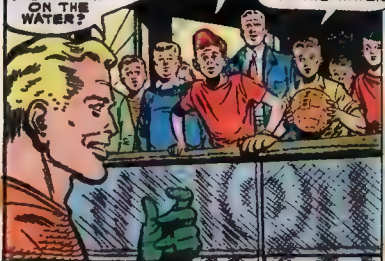
WAIT A MINUTE! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! HOW ABOUT PLAYING YOUR GAMES ON THE WATER?

ARE YOU KIDDING?

HOW CAN WE PLAY BASEBALL OR BASKETBALL IN THE WATER?

YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE!

AW, AQUAMAN'S ONLY KIDDING US! WE MAY AS WELL FORGET ALL ABOUT HAVING SOME FUN!

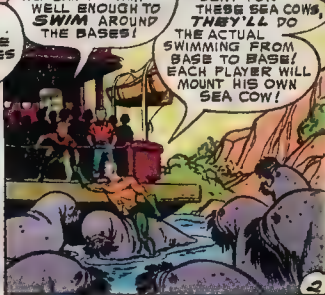
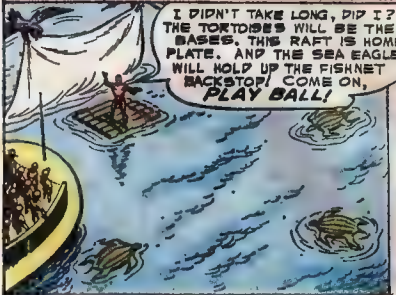


BUT, AS AQUAMAN USES HIS AMAZING POWERS TO SIGNAL TO HIS FINNY FRIENDS OF THE DEEP...

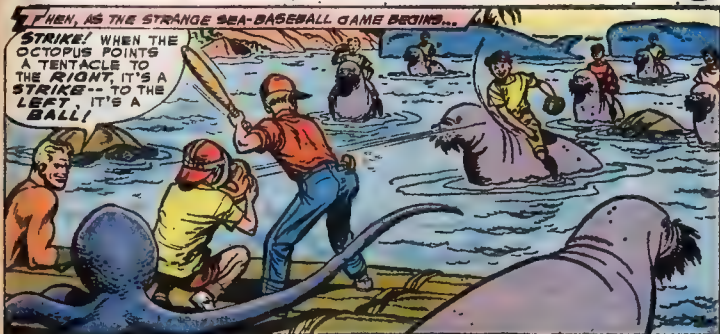
I DIDN'T TAKE LONG, DID I? THE TURTLES WILL BE THE BASES. THIS RAFT IS HOME PLATE. AND THE SEA EAGLES WILL HOLD UP THE FISHNET BACKSTOP! COME ON, PLAY BALL!

BUT, AQUAMAN, WE CAN'T SWIM WELL ENOUGH TO SWIM AROUND THE BASES!

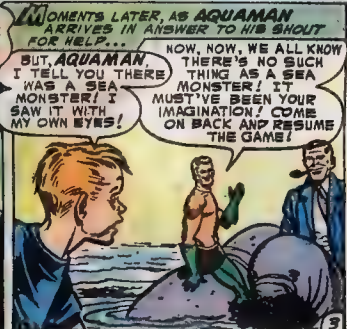
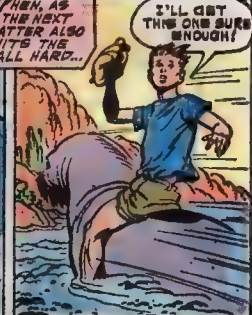
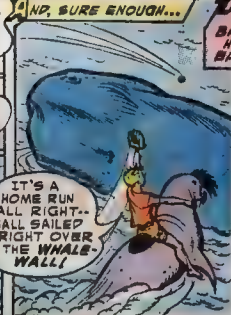
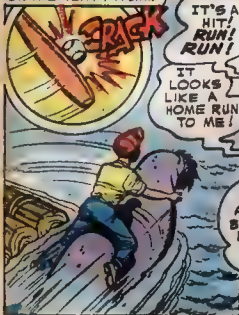
THAT'S WHY I SENT FOR THESE SEA COWS, THEY'LL DO THE ACTUAL SWIMMING FROM BASE TO BASE! EACH PLAYER WILL MOUNT HIS OWN SEA COW!



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ON THE NEXT PITCH...





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SHORTLY AFTER, AS OTHER PICKNICKERS GATHER FOR A GAME OF BASKETBALL...

SOON, AS THE EELS EXTEND THEMSELVES INTO THE PROPER SHAPES...

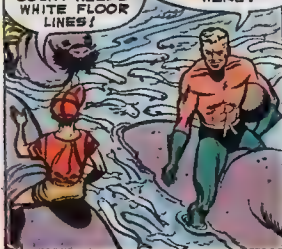
MM, THAT IS A PROBLEM! WE CAN'T BALANCE THOSE POLES IN THE WATER, THAT'S FOR SURE! BUT, WAIT-- I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

BUT, AQUAMAN, A BASKETBALL COURT NEEDS WHITE FLOOR LINES!

THAT'S WHY THESE WHITE EELS ARE HERE!

HOW'S THAT?

FINE! BUT HERE'S A REAL PROBLEM! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO STICK THE BASKETS IN SO THEY'LL STAY UP?

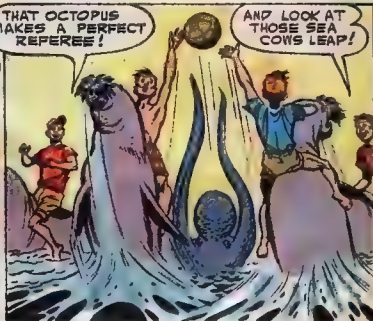
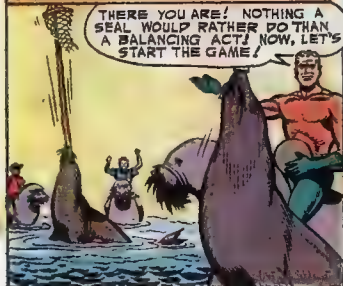


AND, IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER SECRET SIGNAL TO HIS SUBJECTS OF THE SEA...

THAT OCTOPUS MAKES A PERFECT REFEREE!

AND LOOK AT THOSE SEA COWS LEAP!

THERE YOU ARE! NOTHING A SEAL WOULD RATHER DO THAN A BALANCING ACT! NOW, LET'S START THE GAME!

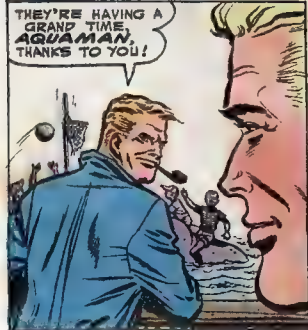


THEY'RE HAVING A GRAND TIME, AQUAMAN, THANKS TO YOU!

BUT ONCE AGAIN A GAME IS INTERRUPTED...

WOW!
LOOK AT THAT--

NOW WHAT'S HAPPENED?





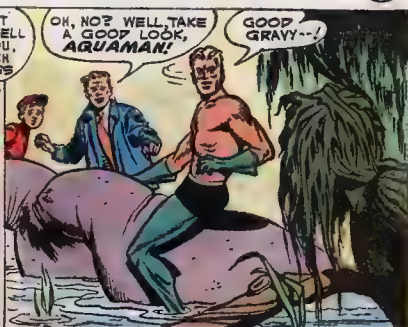
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NOW
WHAT'S
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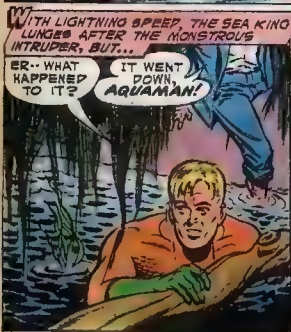
IT--IT CAME RIGHT UP
OUT OF THE SEA AND
REACHED FOR ME--
A HORRIBLE SEA
MONSTER!

BUT
I TELL
YOU,
SUCH
THINGS
DON'T
EXIST!



OH, NO? WELL, TAKE
A GOOD LOOK,
AQUAMAN!

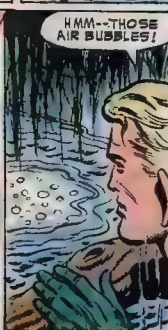
GOOD
GRAVY--!



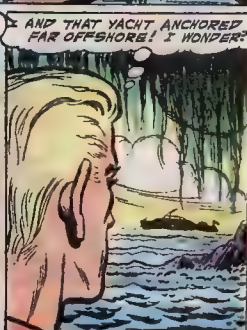
WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE SEA KING
LUNGES AFTER THE MONSTROUS
INTRUDER, BUT...

ER-- WHAT
HAPPENED
TO IT?

IT WENT
DOWN,
AQUAMAN!



HMM--THOSE
AIR BUBBLES!

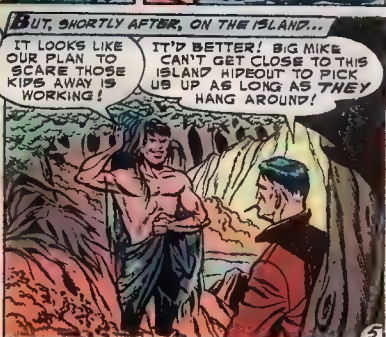


AND THAT YACHT ANCHORED
FAR OFFSHORE! I WONDER?



I--I THINK WE'D BETTER
LEAVE THIS PLACE,
AQUAMAN-- IT
ISN'T SAFE FOR
THE BOYS!

GOSH, AND
WE WERE HAVING
SUCH FUN, TOO!



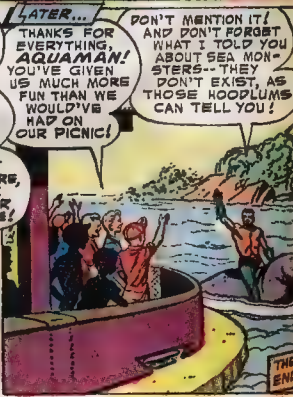
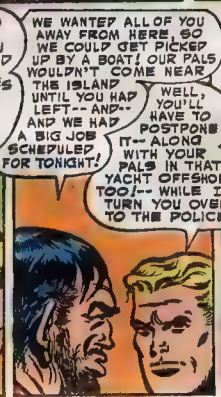
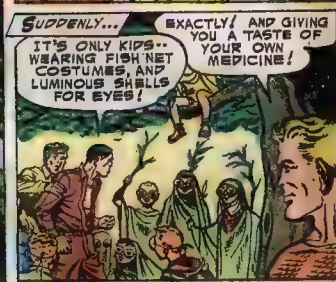
BUT, SHORTLY AFTER, ON THE ISLAND...

IT LOOKS LIKE
OUR PLAN TO
SCARE THOSE
KIDS AWAY IS
WORKING!

IT'D BETTER! BIG MIKE
CAN'T GET CLOSE TO THIS
ISLAND HIDEOUT TO PICK
US UP AS LONG AS THEY
HANG AROUND!



AQUAMAN



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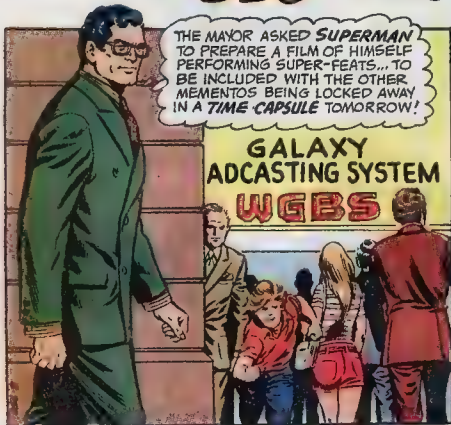
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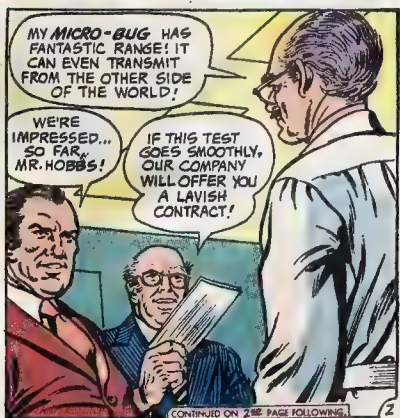
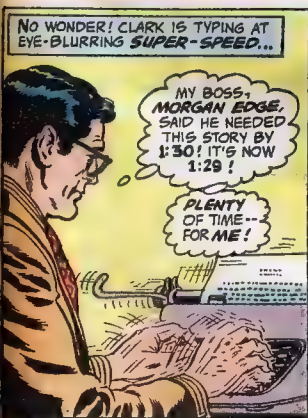
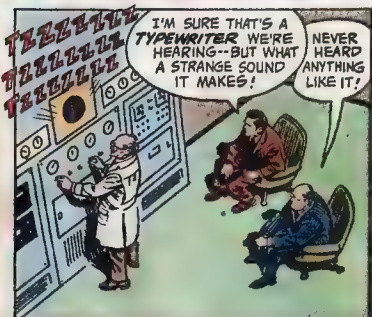
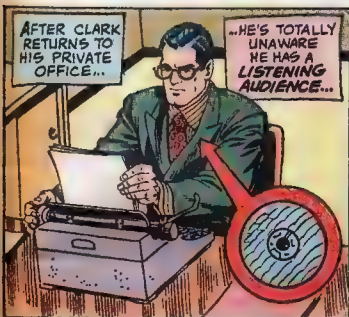
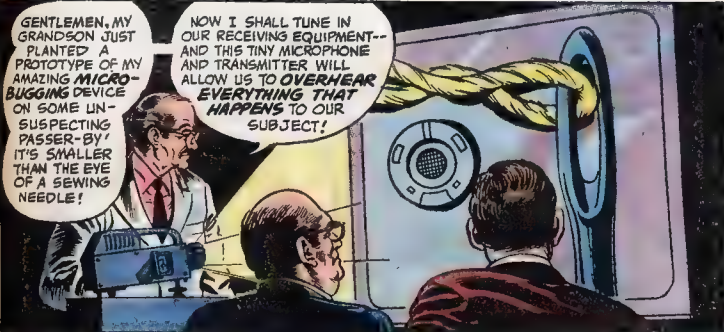
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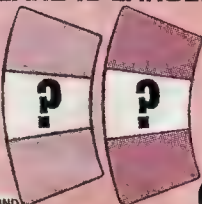
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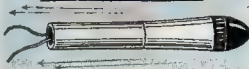
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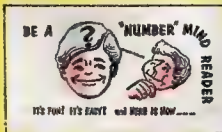


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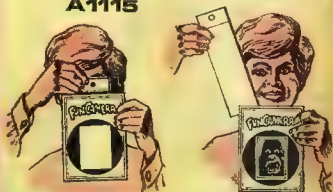
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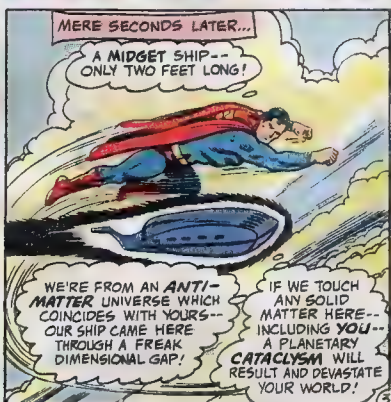
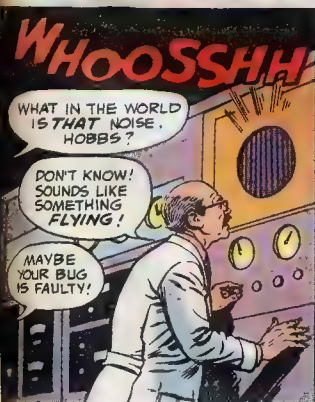
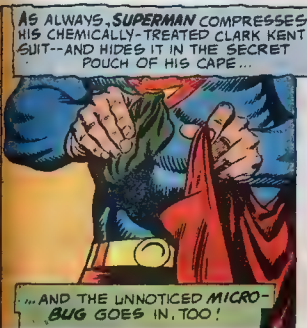
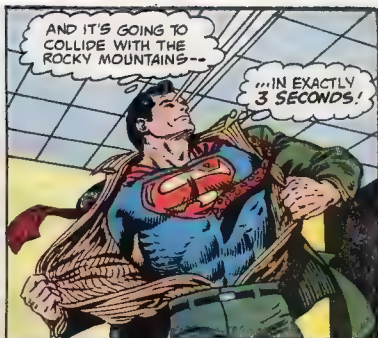
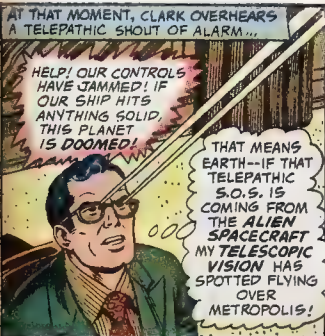
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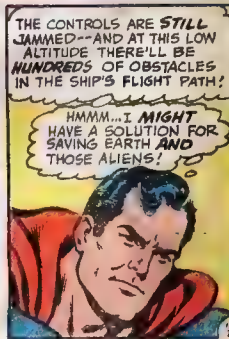
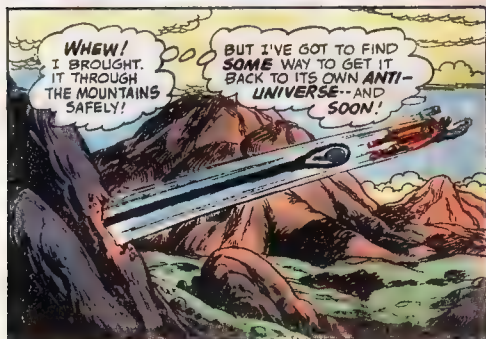
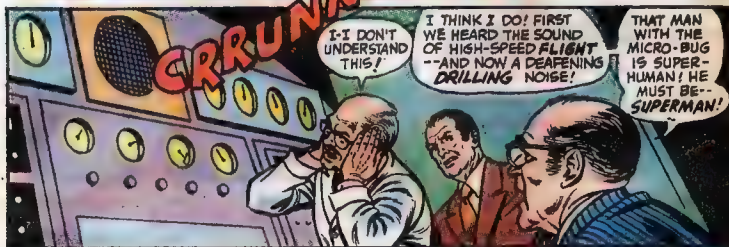
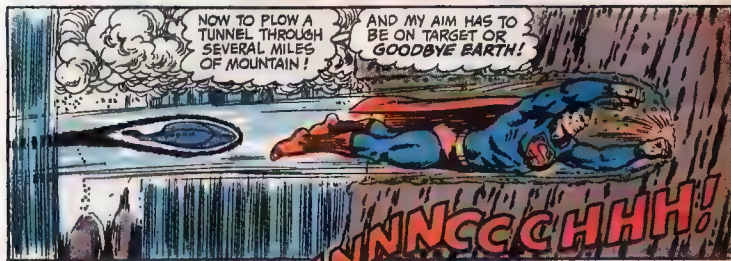
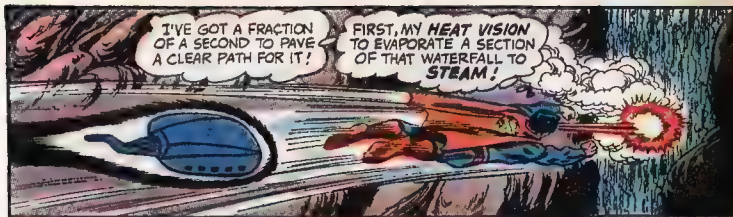
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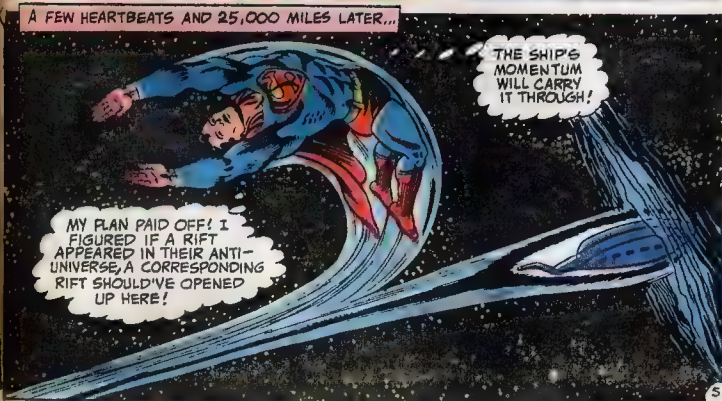
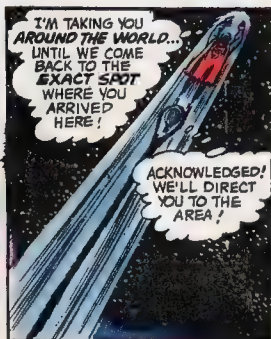
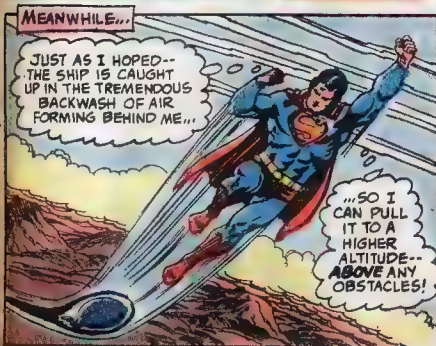
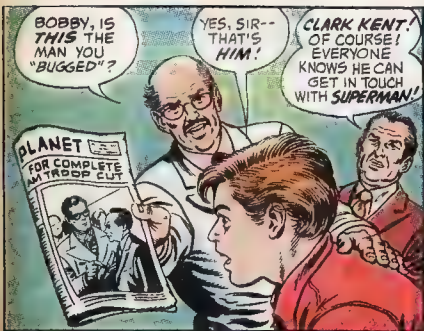
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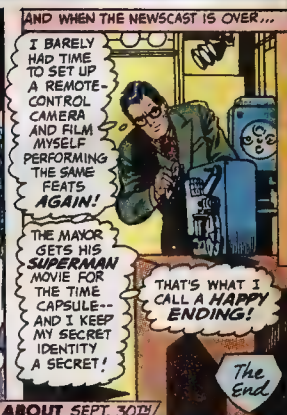
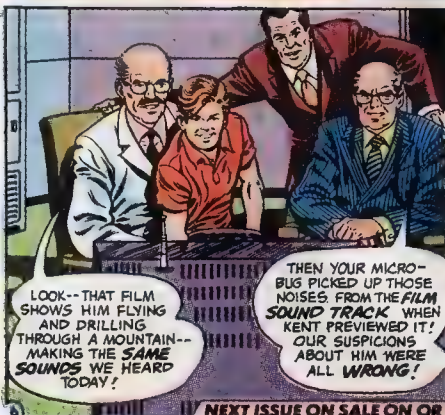
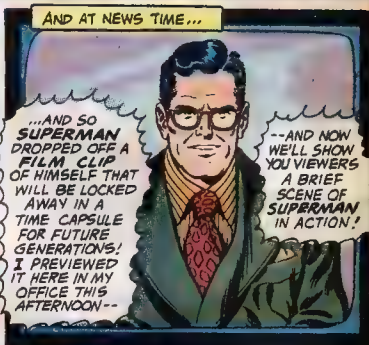
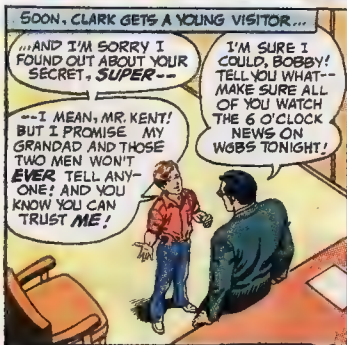
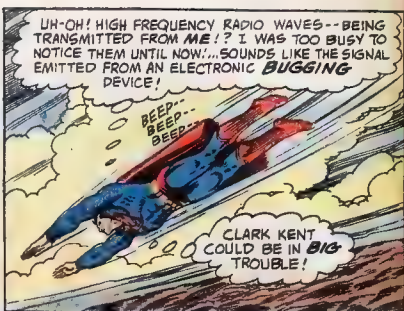
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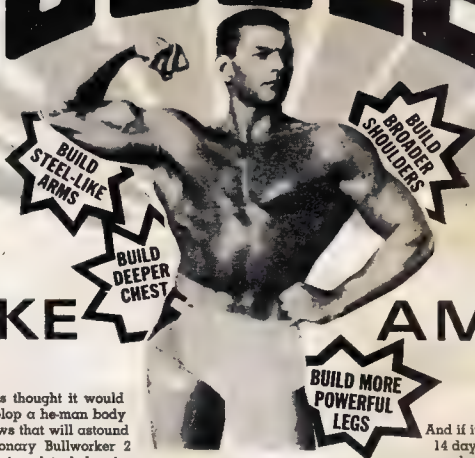
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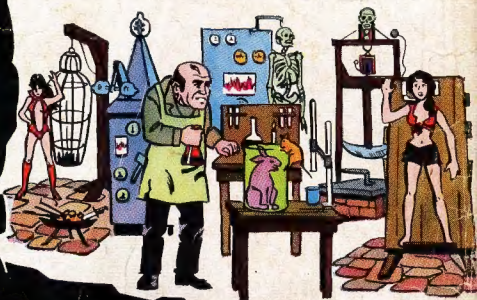
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